

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 650

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Leneda Laing upon receiving the 2006 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as educators of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Leneda Laing, mathematics teacher at Cleveland Middle School, who has been honored with the 2006 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching; and

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush announced the award, which is the nation's highest honor for teaching in these fields; Ms. Laing is the only mathematics winner from Tennessee and one of ninety-three teachers receiving this honor nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in a citation presented to Ms. Laing, President Bush commended her for embodying excellence in teaching, for devotion to the learning needs of the students, and for upholding the high standards that exemplify American education at its finest; and

WHEREAS, as part of this award, Leneda Laing receives \$10,000 from the National Science Foundation, the federal agency which administers the awards program on behalf of the White House; she also receives an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for a week of celebratory events and professional development activities; and

WHEREAS, to be chosen for this honor, Ms. Laing was recommended by a panel of leading mathematicians, scientists, and educators; she and the other recipients are considered to be highly-qualified educators who raise the bar for math and science education for America's future innovators; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Laing epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Laing for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Leneda Laing for her meritorious service to the students of the State of Tennessee, congratulate her upon her reception of the 2006 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.